



Dear South Florida REC Team and Health Choice Network,

Congratulations on being the fifth (5th) REC to hit 100% of your providers to milestone 3!!! This is a great accomplishment as you have ensured that 2500 providers in Florida have met meaningful use requirements! ONC will be sharing the good news of your achievement with your fellow RECs in an all-REC email and with the nearly 20,000 @ONC_HealthIT Twitter followers and 50,000 listserv members.

We have been very fortunate to work with such great leadership in the South Florida Regional Extension Center—from Meredith Hughes-Marsh, Alex Romillo, and Kevin Kearns as the fearless leaders to Abiola (Abbey) Adeife as the Quality Initiative Coordinator and every member of your staff, Jennifer Lamothe and Jillian Larkin, who helped make this a success. Your leadership team helped translate requirements that were at times complex or even unknown into a plan to help providers who needed it most. We would like to especially thank your field staff, who while we at ONC may not have had the opportunity to know individually, we are incredibly grateful for. This success would not have happened without their expert knowledge, dedication, creativity, and grit. Please send our thanks to your field staff on our behalf as they are the golden boots on the ground and the key to our collective success in equipping providers with the tools essential to improving the patient experience.

We're so pleased at your accomplishments and look forward to working with you as you provide even MORE services to Florida providers! You have been working diligently with your Project Officer to build out your sustainability efforts which will no doubt help to truly transform the practice of medicine in your Florida catchment. We'd also encourage you to build further upon your meaningful use success to help ensure that additional providers in Florida meet meaningful use requirements so that they too can leverage their EHRs to improve patient care. A rising tide lifts all boats and the South Florida Regional Extension Center is no exception—let's move forward together to ensure that all providers are able to meet upcoming stages of meaningful use and provide practices who need it the most the support they need to build upon the momentum of stage 1 meaningful use. Below is a quote you are welcome to use:

“The South Florida Regional Extension Center (SFREC), Health Choice Network (HCN), is the first Florida State REC to reach their goal of bringing primary care providers, often in small and underserved practices, to meaningful use. SFREC's goal was 2,500 providers, and as of today 2,512 have demonstrated meaningful use in partnership with the REC. We look forward to the next chapter as the South Florida REC continues supporting physicians, nurses and other providers as they leverage meaningful use and continue transforming their practices to improve patient care.”

Thanks and congratulations again!

Kim Lynch and all of team ONC